Noes—cont.

59. Mr. V. P. Narayanan Nambiyar.
60. ,, M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar.
61. ,, A. B. Shetty.
62. ,, G. Simhachalam Pantulu.
63. ,, Abdul Hameed Khan.
64. The Pattagar of Palayakottai.
65. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar.
66. ,, K. Koti Reddi.
67. Rai Sahib C. Kolanda Reddi.
68. Mr. J. Kuppuswami Choudari.
69. ,, C. Satyanarayana Choudari.
70. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro.
71. The Maharaja of Venkatagiri.
72. Mr. C. Basu Dev.
73. Rao Sahib D. Krishnamurti.
74. Mr. V. T. Arasu.
75. ,, G. Sriramulu.
76. ,, H. M. Jagannatham.
77. Khan Bahadur T. M. Moidoo Sahib Bahadur.
78. Rao Bahadur R. Srinivasan.
79. Mr. G. R. Premayya.
80. ,, G. Lakshmana Reddi.
81. ,, C. Krishnan.
82. ,, P. Peddi Raju.
83. ,, T. Narasa Reddi.

Neutral.

1. Sriman M. G. Patnaik Mahasayo.
2. Ahmed Miran Sahib Bahadur.
3. Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt.
4. ,, K. S. Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar.
5. ,, C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar.
6. ,, F. G. Luker.
7. Mr. A. W. Hutton.
8. ,, F. Birley.
9. ,, F. G. Stanes.
10. ,, F. E. James.
11. S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur.
12. Mr. M. P. Madhusoodhanan Thangal.

Ayes 3; *Noes* 83; *Neutral* 12.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" Mr. President, Sir, I move—

' *this question be taken up for consideration soon after the lunch hour* '."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—" In order to facilitate giving notice of amendments, if any."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—" On a point of order, Sir, may I know whether it is possible for hon. Members to give notice of amendments now ? "

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—" It is possible to give notice."

* The hon. the President:—" I think it is possible to accept notice of amendments.

" The question is—

' *that the consideration of the Bill be taken up as the first item in the afternoon after lunch* '."

The motion was carried.

IV.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS MEDICAL REGISTRATION ACT, 1914 (BILL No. 28 OF 1932).

Mr. Daniel Thomas:—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to present the [a] Report of the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Madras Medical Registration Act, 1914, and I move—

' *that the Bill, as amended by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration.* '

" In doing so I wish to say a few words. The Government of Madras appointed a special committee in 1921 to go into the indigenous systems of medicine in this province. It was presided over by the present Home Member, and one of the unanimous recommendations of that committee was as follows:—

' The Medical Registration Act, Act IV of 1914, should be amended on the lines of section 26 (2) of the United Provinces Medical

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Registration Act so as to provide for free professional association between practitioners of the Indian and European systems of medicine.'

"The Bill now before us embodies that recommendation of the Committee. I would also invite the attention of the House to the fact that this Bill when originally introduced had the support of all sections of the House. The Select Committee have gone carefully into the provisions of the Bill and they have made certain modifications and changes, which, I submit, do not affect the principle underlying the Bill. They only introduce certain safeguards and make the application of certain sections more definite and precise. I, therefore, believe that the Bill as amended by the Select Committee is substantially the same as it was when originally introduced. I, therefore, commend the Bill to the consideration of the House."

Khan Sahib Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur seconded the motion.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The question is—

'that Bill No. 28 of 1932, as amended by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration'."

The motion was carried.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I will now put the several clauses of the Bill to the vote of the House. (After a pause.)

"The question is—

'that clause 3 of the Bill be renumbered as clause 2'."

The motion was carried.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The question is—

'that the clauses 1 and 2 as renumbered do form part of the Bill'."

The motion was carried.

The Preamble was put and carried.

Mr. DANIEL THOMAS:—"Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move—

'that the Bill be passed into law.'

"In this connexion I would offer my thanks to the Government for the cordial support they have given this measure, and I hope this measure will inaugurate a new era of cordial co-operation between the practitioners of Indian and European systems of medicine in the country and I hope that it will conduce to the greater welfare and better health of the huge masses of this province."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Mr. President, Sir, I second the motion. I join with my friend, Mr. Daniel Thomas, in congratulating the House on passing this measure which is of a very very vital character. It has brought into being a feeling of relief in the minds of a very large section of indigenous medical practitioners who are regarded more or less as untouchables. Now that we have passed this measure, we can henceforth recognize the medical men who are practising the indigenous systems.

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12-45 p.m. "In our country, sir, there is great need for medical men. If we entirely depend upon the allopathic system a large proportion of our population will go without any medical aid. Now we have opened avenues for various systems to grow. I am glad that Mr. Daniel Thomas and Mr. Tajuddin are piloting this Bill and I am sure the people of this province will thank the Council for passing a measure of this nature."

* Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"I should like to associate myself with this motion, that the Bill be passed into law. All credit for the passing of this measure is due to Sir Mahomed Usman who is responsible for this Bill. It was he, during his non-official days, that agitated in this matter. And my friend Mr. Tajuddin has taken up the idea and has drafted it in the form of a Bill. I do not know why he did not think it fit to introduce the Bill himself. Sir, there is a provision in this Bill regarding which I should like to sound a note of warning to Government. There is a provision which defines a medical practitioner. It says: 'the expression "qualified practitioner" shall for purposes of this proviso mean "a practitioner qualified under rules made by the local Government in this behalf."' In framing rules and defining who a qualified medical practitioner is, great care should be taken to see that quacks are not included in the list. If possible, Government ought to constitute a committee to decide as to who are qualified and who are not. It is common knowledge that there are any number of Ayurvedic, Unani and Siddha practitioners throughout the length and breadth of this Presidency who are mere quacks and nothing more, and yet pass off for medical practitioners. This committee should exercise great care to see that such quacks are not included in the list and enabled to practise medicine either by themselves, or in association with registered medical practitioners.

"As regards sub-section (3) which runs as follows: "Nothing in sub-section (2) shall relieve a registered practitioner of any obligations or code of ethics which may be imposed upon registered practitioners generally by the Council." I have a few words to say: Sir, it would be remembered that according to the Medical Registration Act, a registered medical practitioner is prohibited from associating himself with one who is not registered under the Madras Medical Registration Act. By the Bill that we are now passing into law, it is sought to give permission to the registered practitioners to associate themselves with unregistered, but qualified, practitioners. That means to say there is scope for unscrupulous registered allopathic practitioners to associate with unregistered practitioners, and in their name carry on practice in a manner that would be against professional ethics. That is to say, whereas an unregistered practitioner is at liberty to advertise and seek clients, the registered practitioner is not able to do so at present. By passing this Bill into law you have enabled the registered practitioner to have as his assistant an unregistered practitioner and carry on his trade unscrupulously and unfairly. In regard to this also, I should think that Government should issue specific instructions to the Madras Medical Council to exercise great care and

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see that by means of this Act unscrupulous medical practitioners do not take undue advantage over the other medical practitioners by associating with them unregistered medical men. With these few words, I support the motion that this Bill be passed into law."

Khan Sahib SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB Bahadur:—" Mr. President, Sir, the present amendment is not only a desideratum but a dire necessity. The section which prohibited medical practitioners from associating with unregistered practitioners was something like a blot on the Statute Book. The hon. Sir Mahomed Usman who himself comes from an eminent family of physicians found the injustice of it long ago and as the Chairman of the Committee entered a strong protest in his name. Some time elapsed before it struck me as well. I was not able to steer the Bill through this Council and Mr. Daniel Thomas was good enough to take the responsibility for piloting the Bill and he did not spare any pains to see that the Bill was passed into law. In this connexion, Sir, I have to thank first, the hon. Sir Mahomed Usman, secondly Mr. Daniel Thomas, then the members of the Select Committee and also the members of the House for their cordial support and encouragement. Mr. President, internationalism is the order of the day. Present day civilization entirely depends upon the continuous and slow intercourse of people belonging to different nations and different traditions. Not only food and clothing but also a host of other necessaries of life are being gathered from all parts of the world. Even the dining table and the drawing-room are becoming international in their nature. If we turn to science, most of the science, e.g., chemistry, physics, mathematics, are all international. The scientific societies of the world have begun to promote free social intercourse between various nations and various countries. So, this measure is in keeping with the general trend of the modern world. Not only that; I think this kind of healthy co-operation and free exchange of ideas will go a great way towards relieving the suffering humanity. I thank the Government for the cordial support they have accorded to the Bill."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

V.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES ACT, 1920, AND THE MADRAS LOCAL BOARDS ACT, 1920 (BILL No. 25 OF 1931.)

* Mr. F. BIRLEY:—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move— 1 p.m.

'*that the Bill to amend the District Municipalities Act, 1920, and the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members:—*

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu.
Mr. E. Conran Smith.
Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar.
Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti.
The Raja of Kallikote.
Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed.
Rao Bahadur T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai.
Khan Bahadur T. M. Moidoo Sahib Bahadur.